हिन्दुस्तान स्टील वर्क्स कंस्ट्रक्शन लिमिटेड का बन्द किया जाना

2377. **श्री अश्विनी कुमार** : क्या **इस्पात और खान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिन्दुस्तान स्टील वर्क्स कंस्ट्रक्शन लिमिटेड मजदूर संघ ने 31 मार्च, 1986 को प्रधान मंत्री को एक अभ्यावेदन भेजकर उनका ध्यान सरकार द्वारा हिन्दुस्तान स्टील वर्क्स कंस्ट्रक्शन लिमिटेड को बन्द करने के समाचार की ओर दिलाया है और यह मांग की है कि हिन्दुस्तान स्टील वर्क्स कंस्ट्रक्शन लिमिटेड में हुए घाटे के लिए मजदूरों को दोषी ठहराने के बजाय प्रबन्धकों के विरुद्ध उच्च स्तरीय जांच की जानी चाहिए ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस प्रतिवेदन पर विचार किया गया है और इस संबंध में कोई कार्यवाही की गयी ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री कृष्ण चन्द्र पन्त) (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार को अभ्यावेदन में उल्लिखित बातों की जानकारी रही है और हिन्दुस्तान स्टील वर्क्स कन्स्ट्रक्शन लिमिटेड की समस्याओं के समाधान के लिए उपयुक्त उपाय करती रही है। कम्पनी ने अपने समस्त कार्यचालन की जांच की है जिससे इसके कार्य-निष्पादन को अधिक बढ़ाया जा सके। अनुशासन में सुधार लाने, ओवर टाइम घटाने और अन्य प्रशासनिक खर्चों में कमी लाने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं। स्वैच्छिक सेवानिवृति योजना फिर से लागू की गई है और बहु-व्यापारिक प्रशिक्षण शुरु कर दिया गया है। विभिन्न कार्य-स्थलों पर लगे अतिरिक्त कामगरों के अधिकतम उपयोग के लिए उन्हें अन्य स्थानों पर लगाया जा रहा है।

Phasing out Freight Equalisation Scheme

2378. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to refer to the replies to Starred Questions 121 and 138 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1986 and state:

(a) whether any progress has since been made for implementing the decision taken earlier to phase out the freight equalisation scheme for iron and steel; and

(b) if not, by when a move in this direction is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Government have since reviewed its earlier decision in the light of the representations received from various State Governments and have decided to refer the matter to the National Development Council.

Declaring Housing as an Industry

2379. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare housing as an industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are yet to be finalised.

Strengthening of Public Distribution System

2380. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state what steps

Government propose to take to stengthen the public distribution system and its effective implementation in various parts of the country particularly in rural and tribal areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): The State Government/Union Territory Administrations are primarily responsible for the organisation and administrations of the Public Distibution System in their respective areas. They have been advised to strengthen and streamline the public distribution system with special emphasis on covering the inaccessible, far-flung, tribal and rural areas in their territories. All the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have also been requested to achieve a norm of one fair price shop for every 2000 persons which could, however, be relaxed for remote, inaccessible and far-flung areas.

Setting up of units of Super Bazar in Delhi

2381. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of Super Bazar working in Delhi; and

(b) the names of the colonies in Delhi where Government propose to set up new branches of Super Bazar during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) 104 branches of Super Bazar are working in Delhi/New Delhi.

(b) Super Bazar proposes to set up 16 new branches during the current cooperative year as per details given below:—

1. Garhi Village (East of Kailash)
2. Raghubir Nagar.
3. Tilak Vihar.
4. Basant Enclave SF Group.
5. Panchsheel (Near RBI Colony).
6. Pitampura Pocket 'R'.
7. Vikaskunj (Bodella).
8. Bodella (Vikaspuri) J-Block, Pocket JG-II.
9. Punjabi Bagh Extn.
10. Yamuna Vihar.
11. Vaishali (Pitampura).
12. Udai Park.
13. Kalkaji (near Main bus stand).
14. DESU Colony (Shalimar).
15. Krishi Vihar.
16. Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital Complex.

Agricultural Credit Relief and Guarantee Fund

2382. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for creation of Agricultural Credit Relief and Guarantee Fund at the National Level by obtaining contribution from NABARD, RBI and Central Government;

(b) whether similar funds are also likely to be created in the States from the budgetary provisions of Central Government and State Governments as well as from the National Level banking organisations, like NABARD to be utilised for writing off of principal and interest in respect of the farmers whose crops have been damaged due to natural calamities; and

(c) if so, the broad outlines of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) There is no proposal under Government's consideration for creation of Agricultural Credit Relief and Guarantee Fund at the National Level at present.

In pursuance of the recommendations of the Rural Credit Survey Committee, the following State Governments have created Agricultural Credit and Relief